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who by contract, or by custom and usage are bound to share the cost of repair. These are the various categories which occurred to the author of the Bill as well as to the members of the Select Committee as the only available heads under which landholders might raise pleas. If any other plea is envisaged by the Mover or Seconder, even by way of illustration, we shall be in order in providing for any distinct category. 1-30 p.m. We generally have in very many statutes distinct categories of cases provided for and a general category so as to provide for cases *eugesdem generis*. So far as cases *eugesdem generis* are concerned, they would be covered by one or other of these specific provisions. We have no provision like 'whatever other plea is available.' A clause stating simply that any other plea that may be available might be put forward, is not reasonable. That is not legislation."

V.—HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE THANKING THE COUNCIL FOR THEIR RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATION ON HIS APPOINTMENT AS ACTING VICEROY.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT:—" Before we rise, I wish to inform the House that His Excellency the Governor writes to me a letter expressing his sincere thanks for the resolution passed by this House on the 29th January congratulating him on his appointment as Acting Viceroy. I will read out the letter for the information of the House:—

'Government House,
Madras,

5th February 1934.

'Dear Mr. President,

I have, unfortunately, not been well enough during the last few days to write any letter, but now that I am able to do so. I do not delay in writing to ask you to be so kind as to convey to the Members of the Legislative Council my most sincere thanks for the resolution of congratulation which they were so kind as to pass on the announcement that I am to act temporarily as Viceroy. Many kind words were used in moving that resolution and I am deeply grateful to all Members of the Legislative Council.

Yours sincerely,
GEORGE STANLEY.' "

VI.—THE BIHAR EARTHQUAKE RELIEF FUND.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT:—" I may also suggest to the hon. Members of the House that in pursuance of the resolution passed the other day regarding the earthquake, no attempt seems to have been made by any Member of this House to collect money. I would only advise at this stage that the several Leaders of Parties and Whips might meet together and devise ways and means for raising subscriptions."

The House then adjourned for lunch.